

**A-38. Persons not in the labor force by desire and availability for work, age, and sex**

(In thousands)

Category	Total		Age						Sex			
	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2010	16 to 24 years		25 to 54 years		55 years and over		Men		Women	
			Apr. 2009	Apr. 2010	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2010	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2010	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2010	Apr. 2009	Apr. 2010
Total not in the labor force .....	81,437	83,418	16,476	17,384	21,592	21,844	43,370	44,189	31,979	32,897	49,458	50,521
Do not want a job now <sup>1</sup> .....	75,569	77,553	14,491	15,292	19,019	19,266	42,059	42,995	29,174	30,101	46,395	47,451
Want a job <sup>1</sup> .....	5,868	5,865	1,985	2,092	2,572	2,579	1,310	1,194	2,805	2,795	3,063	3,070
Did not search for work in previous year .....	3,093	2,744	964	978	1,238	1,112	890	654	1,429	1,202	1,663	1,542
Searched for work in previous year <sup>2</sup> .....	2,775	3,121	1,021	1,114	1,334	1,467	420	540	1,376	1,593	1,400	1,528
Not available to work now .....	686	690	386	372	258	265	42	53	271	300	415	390
Available to work now <sup>3</sup> .....	2,089	2,432	635	742	1,076	1,202	378	488	1,105	1,294	984	1,138
Reason not currently looking:												
Discouragement over job prospects .....	740	1,197	114	248	445	614	181	335	470	736	270	461
Reasons other than discouragement <sup>4</sup> .....	1,350	1,234	522	494	631	588	197	153	635	557	714	677
Family responsibilities .....	212	222	23	37	147	147	42	38	29	44	183	178
In school or training .....	328	389	291	301	35	86	3	2	180	202	148	187
Ill health or disability .....	155	27	40	6	76	2	39	19	77	19	78	8
Other <sup>5</sup> .....	654	596	168	149	374	353	112	94	349	292	305	304

<sup>1</sup> Includes some persons who are not asked if they want a job.

<sup>2</sup> Persons who had a job in the prior 12 months must have searched since the end of that job.

<sup>3</sup> Persons who have searched for work in the previous year and are available to work now also are referred to as "marginally attached to the labor force."

<sup>4</sup> Includes believes no work available, could not find work, lacks necessary

schooling or training, employer thinks too young or old, and other types of discrimination.

<sup>5</sup> Includes those who did not actively look for work in the prior 4 weeks for such reasons as child-care and transportation problems, as well as a small number for which reason for nonparticipation was not ascertained.

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.